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SPECIAL attention is called to the announcement made elsewhere by Messrs. Putnam, of their proposed new edition of Irving, and of the previous editions which they propose to keep in print. The new year is likely to witness a revival of interest in the "classic days" of American literature, and this new enterprise comes just in time.

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HENRY HOLT & CO. will have ready early in January, "England: Her People, Polity, and Pursuits," by T. H. S. Escott, which the London *Saturday Review* speaks of as "an exhaustive treatise on England, a most useful work, a massive achievement, and one which is likely to do excellent service." Also a book on "The Popular Romances of the Middle Ages," by Sir George W. Cox and E. H. Jones, and "The Child's Catechism of Common Things," by J. D. Champlin, Jr., editor of the already very popular "Young Folks' Cyclopædia of Common Things," the third edition of which is now being sold. The catechism is meant as a study-book for young children, and will give them a wonderful deal of information. The cover will be found exceedingly ingenious and striking.

D. APPLETON & CO., who make the new departure this year of confining themselves to publishing exclusively, the department in which the eminence of the firm among American book houses has been achieved, announce a goodly number of books for the first weeks of the year. Prof. Maudsley has recast the second part of his best-known work, with much enlargement, into a separate volume, on "The Pathology of Mind," and there is to be a new edition of Prof. Johnston's little manual on "The Chemistry of Common Things," brought down to date by Prof. A. H. Church. Prof. L. T. Townsend presents the first part, "Studies in Poetry and Prose," of a work on "The Art of Speech," as a teacher of which he has long been known. There are to be two new novels, "Sebastian Strome," by Julian Hawthorne, and "Manch," by Mary E. Byrn. Mr. Ferris will add to his pleasant books among the *New Handy Volumes* one on "Great Singers," and a manual for young students in art, "Great Lights in Sculpture and Painting," by S. D. Doremus, is promised.

Apropos of the Boston fire, it will make some further delay with the supply of that extraordinary anonymous novel, "A Fool's Errand." Rand, Avery & Co. had some six thousand in hand at the time, and, what with the burning of bound copies and the damage to sheets and paper, they cannot get another edition ready before next week. Meantime the publishers, Fords, Howard & Hulbert, can only partially fill their orders. They have had both good and bad luck with this book: good, in that it has kept selling by thousands every week since its appearance; bad, in that they have not been able to catch up with their orders. They will, however, supply orders just as soon as it is possible to get a new edition out. The book is making a great hit; the newspapers characterize it as a second "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and a Washington letter-writer in one of the Boston papers says it is the talk of the town. President Hayes has bought ten copies of it, and every member of the Cabinet had something to say about it. The book is likely to come more and more into notice as the campaign approaches.

AUCTION SALES.

January 12, 13, 3.30 P.M.:—Books from England.—*Bangs.*

January 19, 3.30 P.M.:—Books, pamphlets, etc., rel. to Mormonism and the Mormons, coll. by Chas. L. Woodward. The *Bibliotheca Scallawagiana* issued for this sale is remarkable for its interesting and curious notes.—*Bangs.*

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In this list, the titles in brevier are direct transcriptions from books actually received, according to the rules of the American Library Association; those in nonpareil are from the best information available, and will be repeated in brevier when the book is received for registry.

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Imported books are marked with an asterisk; authors' and subscription books, or books published at net prices, with two asterisks; educational books published at "wholesale" prices, with a dagger.

Brown, G: Aids to anatomy. N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879. (Students' aid ser.) 64 p. cl., 50 c.; pap., 25 c.

Burdette, R. J. ["Burlington Hawkeye man."] Hawkeyes. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. il. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Butler, S: Evolution, old and new. Bost., S. E. Cassino, 1879. 384 p. 12°. cl., $2.50.

Carter, Ruth. Errors; or, the rightful master: novel. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Denton, J. Bailey. Sewage disposal, intermittent downward filtration *per se*, and in combination with surface irrigation. N. Y., E. & F. N. Spon, 1879. 20 p. 8°. pap., *40 c.

Fleming, May Agnes. Carried by storm: novel. N.Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Gardner, E. C. Common sense in church building; il. with 7 original pl. N. Y., Bicknell & Comstock, 1880. 166 p. S. cl., $1.

In form of sprightly letters between the architect and a church committee-man. "A complete protest against certain false and inconsistent modes of building and a plea for truth and common sense." Suggestive views as to the audience-room, light, society and Sunday-school rooms, etc., and the uses to be made of them. Not technical, but for popular reading. Plans.

Hale, Lucretia P. More sketches in decorative embroidery. Bost., S. W. Tilton & Co., 1879. 64 p. 12°. pap., 50 c.

Harris, W: T. Method of study of social science. St. Louis, Mo., G. I. Jones & Co., 1879. 23 p. pap., 25 c.

Hays, T: J., *M.D.* Consumption, and how to prevent it. N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879, 89 p. cl., $1.

Heinrich, Julius. The window flower garden. N. Y., Orange Judd Co., 1879. 12°. pap., 50 c.

Hemming, W. D. Aids to forensic medicine and toxicology. N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879. (Students' aid ser.) cl., 50 c.; pap., 25 c.

Holmes, *Mrs.* Mary J. Forrest home: novel. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Ingersoll, Rob. G. The gods, and other lectures. Wash., D. C., C. P. Farrell, 1878. 253 p. sq. D. cl., $1.25; pap., 50 c.

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Morris, I. J. Grammar of the English language. *New ed.* N. Y., Thos. Holman, 1879. 102 p. 24°. cl., $1.

Munger, G: G. On the application of payments by debtor to creditor, etc. N. Y., Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1879. 250 p. 8°. shp., $3.

New York City. Lien laws applicable to. N. Y., Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1879. 36 p. 12°. pap., 35 c.

Paterson, Malcolm McCulloch. Testing of pipes and pipe-joints in the open trenches, with description of the Ossett Water-works. N. Y., E. & F. N. Spon, 1879. 29 p. 2 folding pl. 8°. pap., *80 c.

Percy, H. C. Cashier's scrap-book: portfolio of bank anecdotes and incidents, queer, curious, odd, ludicrous and touching. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. 303 p. 12°. cl., $2.

Pinkerton, Allan. Gypsies and detectives: detective stories. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Rae, W. Fraser. Columbia and Canada: notes on the great republic and the New Dominion: a supplement to "Westward by rail." *2d ed.* N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879. 8°. cl., $1.75.

Ricord, F. W. English songs from foreign tongues. Newark, N. J., Martin R. Dennis & Co., 1879. 220 p. 12°. cl., $2.50.

Roberts, J: B., *M.D.* Paracentesis of the pericardium: a consideration of the surgical treatment of pericardial effusions. Phil., J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1879. il. 8°. cl., $1.25.

Semple, C. E. Arnoud. Aids to therapeutics and materia medica. N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879. (Students' aid ser.) 60 p. cl., 50 c.; pap., 25 c.

Shaw, H: W. ["Josh Billings."] Old probabilities; cont. in 1 v. *Farmers' almanax* from 1870-1880. N. Y., G: W. Carleton & Co., 1879. il. 8°. cl., $1.50.

Sir John; by the author of "Anne Dysart." N. Y., Harper, 1879. 66 p. Q. (Franklin sq. lib., no. 101.) pap., 15 c.

A story of Scotland in the beginning of the present century; traces the lives of a young boy and girl, early orphaned.

Slaughter, *Rev.* Philip. Hist. of Bristol parish, Va., with genealogies of families connected therewith and historical illustrations. *2d ed.* Richmond, Va., J. W. Randolph & English, 1879. 260 p. 12°. cl., $1.50.

Wark, D:, *M.D.* Prevention and cure of chronic consumption. N. Y., Authors' Pub. Co., 1879. 103 p. 12°. cl., 80 c.

Zola, Émile. Nana (sequel to *L'Assommoir*): part 1; from the French by J: Stirling. Phil., T. B. Peterson & Bros., [1879]. 15-185 p. sq. S. pap., 50 c.

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D. APPLETON & CO., New York.

The pathology of the mind, by Henry Macaulay, 3d ed. of pt. 2 of "Physiology and pathology of mind;" recast, enl. and rewritten, 12°, cl., $2.

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The chemistry of common life, by Prof. J. M. Johnston, il., 12°, cl., $2.

The art of speech, 1: Studies in poetry and prose, by Prof. L. T. Townsend, 16°, 50 c.

Faustina Bordoni to Henrietta Sontag, by Geo. T. Ferris (Handy vol. ser.), 16°, cl., 60 c.; pap., 30 c.

Sebastian Strome; A novel, by Julian Hawthorne, 8°, pap., 75 c.

Mauch: A novel, by Mary E. Bryan, 12°, cl., $1.50.

Great lights in sculpture and painting, manual for young students, by S. D. Doremus, 12°, cl., $1.

AUTHORS' PUB. CO., 27 Bond St., New York.

One little Indian, by Roy Maitland (No. 22 of the Satchel ser.), 139 pp., sq. 12°, pap., 30 c.

ROBERT CLARKE & CO., Cincinnati.

Principles of criminal law, by Seymour F. Harris, B.C.L., M.A. (Oxon.), with additions and notes, adapting it to the law, by M. F. Force, 8°, shp., net, $4.

BUSINESS NOTES.

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Hall Brothers, the well-known Elmira firm of booksellers, established 1842, and so favorably known among business men, is no longer in existence, the good-will and stock having been purchased by the firm of Preswick, Morse & Co., also well known for the past thirty years as the proprietors of one of the largest bookstores in Elmira. Preswick, Morse & Co. will remove to the handsome store formerly occupied by Hall Brothers, and continue business there. Mr. Frederic Hall, who has since 1875 carried on the business under the old firm name, retires on account of ill health, brought on through his incessant cares; he retires with the respect and confidence of all his business associates.

HAVERHILL, MASS.—The firm of J. V. Smiley & Co., booksellers, has been dissolved. J. A. Hale continues the business.

MARIETTA, GA.—J. S. Nichols, bookseller, sold out to Banks & Lester.

NEW YORK CITY.—A receiver has been appointed in the matter of James A. McGee, bookseller and publisher.

——, Henry S. Allen, of this city, who has been connected with the trade for thirty-three years, in the firm of Leavitt & Allen Bros. and otherwise, has formed a partnership with Abel C. Wilmarth, of New Rochelle, under the firm name of Allen & Wilmarth, for the publishing of subscription books. They have taken offices in Bond Street, where they commence business January 2d.

PERSONAL NOTES.

ARTHUR E. MARSH, for many years with Thomas Nelson & Sons, has made arrangements with Koch Sons & Co., which took effect January 1st.

MR. H. G. BOHN, one of the veterans of the London trade, is about to pay a farewell visit to the trade there and to subscribe in person a new and enlarged edition of his last remaining book, "Gordon's Pinetum"—an announcement which calls out pleasant words from the London trade journals.

NOTES ABOUT AUTHORS.

CAPT. BURTON'S "History of the Sword" is nearly ready in London. The study of the question is intended to be exhaustive, for Capt. Burton has inspected almost every great collection of swords in Europe.

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F. LEYPOLDT, *Bibliographical Editor.*
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PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"*Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto.*"—LORD BACON.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE.

THE year just closed has brought at last the turn of the tide toward better times which has been so long hoped for and so long delayed. The fact that the value of the crops of this country this year exceeds last year's valuation by four hundred millions of dollars is at once suggestive of the source of the new prosperity and proof that it is real and not fictitious. This new total is largely increased by the value added by manufacturing processes, and the money which represents this new wealth has passed from one hand to another until at Christmas-tide the fair share of the surplus found its way out from the pockets of the people who have not bought books for years, into the bookstores. At this writing, the best Christmas trade for years is reported from Boston, New York and the East generally, while the previous indications from the West assure the same or better results there. The publishing trade has been markedly improved, and in many lines, such has been the block in printing-offices and binderies, it has been impossible to fill orders.

The "boom" has so far been felt chiefly in increase of opportunity for work and in an increase of prices in material and to some extent in wages. It has not reached salaries nor goods of stated price, such as books and periodicals. But the cost of manufacture of these has already increased considerably, and is likely to increase further, especially as the rise in paper is already over 10 per cent. This presents a problem of considerable difficulty, and much of the success of the year coming will depend upon its satisfactory solution. The standard re-issues, in which so large a business has been done this fall, have been priced so close down to the manufacturing basis that there has been only a minimum margin of profit even at the low price of paper which has ruled during most of 1879. Now that these elements of cost are advancing, there must be some increase of price to cover them. The same is more or less true in other lines.

It seems to us that this is the opportunity the trade has long been waiting for—an opportunity which suggests a means of returning to better business methods. The natural tendency would be of course to put up retail prices, or at least to make higher retail prices on new books as they are published. The high discounts would still offer the old temptations to undersellers. We would suggest that the wiser plan would be to hold to the present prices, stiffen them up, and make discounts closer. It will not then be possible for undersellers to make the marked reduction they now offer from advertised prices, and the "usual discounts" can with abundant reason be at least checked. We should be glad to hear from retailers themselves whether such a course would not, if they will think it out, promise direct benefit to them.

BOSTON LETTER.

BOSTON, Dec. 29, 1879.

THE one great event of this week is, of course, the annihilation of Houghton, Osgood & Company's place of business at 220 Devonshire Street. The fire went through it as resistlessly as if it had been tinder, and nothing was saved but three account-books and a few private papers. This produces momentary derangement of business; but as all the printed sheets and plates are at the Riverside Press, the stock can be replaced in a short time. With characteristic pluck and promptitude, Mr. Osgood, at four o'clock this morning, had engaged chambers at 47 Franklin Street (over Lee & Shepard), and though the machinery of the old offices was all destroyed, the spirit was not daunted, and the various departments began to organize themselves at once sufficiently to start the vast machine as soon as possible. Orders to print and to bind were given early this morning, and the gigantic goblin at the Riverside Press, by working night and day, will soon send new piles of books in to supply the orders which would have been filled by those which were burned. It is impossible just now to state the loss, or what part of this is covered by insurance; but it is safe to say that whatever the loss, and notwithstanding the thousand inconveniences resulting from the fire, the great business of the house will hardly be interrupted.

The *Atlantic* for February will come out promptly, and will contain, in addition to its proper amount of reading, a supplement giving a detailed and authentic account of the Holmes Breakfast, with all its felicitous speeches and poems. This cannot fail to make that number of the *Atlantic* eagerly sought for, as a kind of official record of an occasion so unusually interesting.

The book business of Boston during the season now ending has been much better than for years before. It has not reached the measure of ten years ago, that halcyon time for publishers, authors, and readers; but it has been on the whole very satisfactory

Some books, "An Earnest Trifler," "The Bodleys Afoot," "Chatterbox," "Zigzag Journeys," and a few others, have sold with most exhilarating buoyancy; and, indeed, all books, except those dead as Marley, have felt the impulse of reviving business.

Just now there is little or nothing new to report or anticipate; in a few weeks the current will begin to flow again. Meanwhile there are good books in plenty for readers, and the publishers are quite ready to supply them.

FRITZ.

THE BOSTON FIRE.

ON Sunday night, Dec. 28th, at about 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in the rear of the paper warehouse of Rice, Kendall & Co., on Federal Street, whence it extended to Devonshire Street, until it had taken in the buildings occupied by Houghton, Osgood & Co., the work-rooms of the Heliotype Printing Co., the paper warehouse of S. D. Warren & Co., and a portion of Rand, Avery & Co.'s printing establishment. The buildings destroyed were in the very centre of the busiest portion of Boston, and were each costly six-story structures, all built since the great fire of November, 1872. The other buildings destroyed or seriously damaged were those occupied by T. Y. Crowell, Claflin & Brown, paper dealers, and the North National Bank. The fire was completely under control by three o'clock. The loss will not be so heavy as was at first estimated. Rand & Avery did not suffer much from fire, although their stock was damaged considerably by water. The following firms have suffered a total loss: Rice, Kendall & Co., Houghton, Osgood & Co., and the Union Express Company. Many of the smaller firms on the same block on Federal and Devonshire Streets sustained heavy damages. The insurance is supposed to cover very nearly all the losses.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO CIRCULAR.

THE following extraordinory circular, the second part of which seems to be a satiric commentary on the first, has been issued from San Francisco to the Eastern trade:

SAN FRANCISCO, December 8, 1879.

At a meeting of the Stationers, Drug, Notion, and Music Dealers' Board of Trade, held November 21st, 1879, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this association, are determined that from this date we will not purchase, or permit to be shown to us, any class of goods from any traveller or resident agent of a manufacturer, publisher, or jobber.

Resolved, That in our purchases (which we will make through our representatives or by order) we will make it a rule to accord the preference to houses who do not send travellers to this coast, or employ resident agents.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to have the foregoing preamble and resolutions printed, and to forward a copy to each of the manufacturers, publishers, and jobbers known to our trade.

Signed, ISAAC UPHAM, *President.*
J. C. HEBBARD, *Secretary.*

In connection with the above resolutions, the wholesale booksellers and stationers desire further to say:

First.—That this market belongs to us, and we request that Eastern publishers and manufacturers keep their travellers away.

Before the days of railroads, when it took twenty-five days to reach New York, and thirty-five days to reach European markets, we enjoyed a comparative monopoly; but now, no sooner do we think to have a "corner," than in steps some meddlesome traveller, and likely as not telegraphs to you for goods, and our little "bonanza" is spoiled.

If a new concern starts, and we smooth our hands in glee, thinking to unload at a good handsome profit, again your traveller steps in and "gives us all away" by placing the party in direct communication with the manufacturers, and, we now repeat, this thing must be stopped.

While we are at it, we also desire again to call your attention to a circular from one of our leading book houses of this coast, demanding of the publishers twelve months' time and 50 per cent discount. We think it ought to be conceded in order to help them keep up their magnificent book establishment. As to the second circular issued by this same house, warning Eastern publishers and manufacturers that it would not be safe to give credit to any other house but themselves, they have privately informed us that they now think that circular was ill advised, and desire to "take it back."

In conclusion, we trust we shall see no more of your travellers or resident agents. If we do, you may rely on it we will not keep your goods.

You ought to be satisfied to stay at home, and be content with such orders as we bring or send to you, and let us do the travelling.

We would advise you also to issue a similar circular to the trade in London and Berlin, and keep out those foreign interlopers; give them all the "cold shoulder," as we will do to trav-

ellers out here, and then we will have a "soft thing" all around.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

MACMILLAN & CO. will publish early in the spring a volume entitled "The Liberty of the Press, of Speech, and of Public Worship; being Commentaries on the Liberty of the Subject and the Laws of England," by Mr. James Paterson. The volume will include, among other subjects, discussions on rights of the press, libel, copyright, patent right, trade-marks, etc.

BICKNELL & COMSTOCK have issued a very admirable little book in "Common Sense in Church Building," by E. C. Gardner, giving many fresh, common-sense views of this subject, so that any layman will appreciate and enjoy what he has to say. Mr. Gardner has before shown his capability to interest general readers in what are supposed to be technical subjects, and in this book he pursues his old plan, of conveying what he has to say in familiar letters.

MR. J. W. BOUTON has been making so noteworthy a success with the several European periodicals for which he acts as American publisher, *L'Art*, *The Portfolio*, *The Etcher*, etc., which have prospered excellently in his hands, that he proposes to enter a somewhat new field as the American agent for Mr. Edward Walford's new monthly, *The Antiquary*, which, with the leading antiquarians as promised contributors, will cover the widest range of any journal of its class yet attempted.

ALLEN & WILMARTH, the new subscription publishing house, which will have the benefit of Mr. Allen's long experience in the trade, elsewhere offer to booksellers the opportunity of acting as agents for their books. They become the publishers of the "History and Chronology of the Two American Continents," which combines in one volume several of the most valuable early histories; and they will also have ready presently a new and enlarged edition of the "World's Encyclopædia of Wonders." They also have in preparation a popular $4 medical reference book, and a hand-book for mothers.

PORTER & COATES report their holiday trade of the past season to have been one of the heaviest they have ever had, and the sales of some of their own books have been very large. "The Children's Book of Poetry," and "The Fireside Encyclopædia of Poetry," by Henry T. Coates, have both had unusually large sales, 10,000 copies of the latter having been printed, and although "The Children's Book of Poetry" has been published but a few months, the eighth thousand is now on the press. The new book by Harry Castlemon, "George in Camp," has been equally popular with the author's previous books, and "Holiday Times" has been in equal demand for the young folks. Porter & Coates have in press "Health and Health Resorts," by Dr. John W. Wilson, and "Elementary Physiology," by Prof. Dunglison.

THE application of Messrs. Chas. Scribner's Sons and A. & C. Black for a preliminary injunction restraining J. M. Stoddart & Co. from publishing Vol. 10 of their American reprint of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" has been denied by Judge Butler, of Philadelphia, on the ground that the loss to the defendants by the issue of the writ would be disproportionate to the loss to plaintiffs by the publication, which could thereafter be assessed in damages, and because the rights in the case are not sufficiently clear to justify peremptory action. The result is to put the case over for trial on the main issue.

TAINE is putting the finishing touches to the third part of his work on "The Origins of Contemporary France." The title of this new volume will probably be either "The Jacobins" or "The Convention."

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THE Lisbon correspondent of the *Athenæum* states that the International Literary Congress has already officially intimated to the Portuguese Government that the preliminaries are arranged for drawing up the programme of the subjects to be discussed at the meeting to be held in Lisbon next spring. According to rumor it appears all that appertains to translations will be largely studied and debated, and that a basis will be fixed for the ratification of a literary convention among the countries interested in the matter.

MESSRS. GRIFFITH & FARRAN, London (E. P. Dutton & Co., N. Y.), will shortly publish a book, entitled "On the Leads; or, What the Planets Say." The object of the work is to bring the planets of our system into nearer acquaintance, making each give an account of itself to a little girl who watches them through her father's telescope on the leads of the house, their mythological character being made the mouthpiece of their astronomical and physical history. It is by Mrs. Butson.

A CURIOUS case is reported abroad of a popular author whose works are not procurable. "The Moscow Society for the Diffusion of Useful Books is preparing a memoir of Alexander Pushkin and a selection from his writings, to be published on the forthcoming occasion of the unveiling of the monument lately set up in memory of the greatest of Russia's poets at Moscow. It seems strange that a complete edition of his writings is not now to be procured except at a very high price. The Russian reader, says the *Novoe Vremya*, who wishes to buy a complete edition of Schiller's poems or Shakspeare's plays can do so without difficulty, and at a moderate expense. But with the works of his own Pushkin the case is different. The poet's heirs have ceded their rights to a publisher, and he does not seem to trouble himself about supplying the demand for Pushkin's writings, although the complete editions previously published have long been exhausted." This is an instance of a danger provided for in the proposed British copyright act, but which was supposed not to exist.

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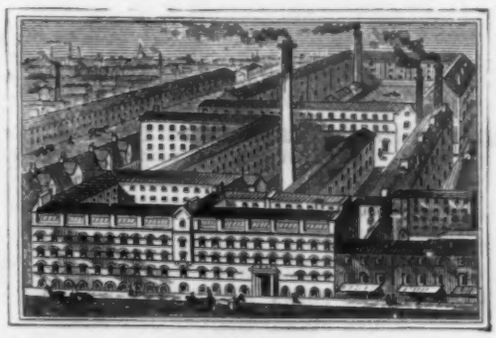

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